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DE 199 59 825 and corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,662,502 disclose a sliding panel comprising several wall elements that can be laterally displaced.

EP 0 586 854 and corresponding U.S. Patent No. 5,426,892 disclose a sliding element.

DE 197 34 752 and the English language abstract attached thereto disclose a sliding door with a swinging leaf.

DE 44 28 718 and the English language abstract attached thereto disclose a bolt mechanism for sliding glass panels.

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